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Church News

Gardena Knights to Host Kiddies' Party on Sunday

Santa Claus will pay his annual visit at the Knights of Columbus hall, 166th St. and Berendo Ave., Gardena, to distribute gifts to 200 children Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Since this is the first year that the Gardena Valley Knights, Council 4038, is working with the welfare agency in this area to give a group of needy children a Christmas party, Grand Knight Edmond Russ stated, "It is a pleasure to invite underprivileged children to participate in the Christmas festivities with the children of the Knights."

Bill Beam, chairman, promised an afternoon filled with surprises and gifts, entertainment, and refreshments. Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the children. A magician and a ventriloquist will entertain throughout the afternoon, and cake, ice cream and soft drinks will be provided for all. With such a large undertaking the

wives of the Knights of Columbus, a newly formed social group, promised to help Santa Claus.

Seminar Set By Jehovah's Witnesses

"Qualified to Teach" is the theme chosen for a joint assembly of 20 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses scheduled for the last week end of December, according to Mr. G. F. Dunham, presiding minister of the Torrance congregation, 1214 El Prado Ave.

The presiding minister stated that "statistics proved that over half the residents of the community are not regular church members, and the purpose of this three-day assembly is to instruct local ministers in a more effective presentation of Bible truths."

Mr. Dunham also stated "that since millions despair because of the urgency of our times and the ever-increasing burdens imposed upon mankind by international arms races, the question arises: 'What are the prospects for a lasting peace?'"

"Therefore Bruce E. Griffin, traveling representative appointed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, has chosen the above question as his Sunday topic."

"In keeping with the theme 'Qualified to Teach,'" said Mr. Dunham, "local ministers will be instructed on how to effectively present answers to such questions as: 'lasting peace, will it ever be realized, how, when, by whom?'"

The climax of the three-day assembly will be the free public lecture, "What Are the Prospects for Lasting Peace?" to be delivered at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29, at the Washington High School auditorium, 108th and Denker St., Los Angeles.

BAPTISTS PLAN YULE SERVICES

"God's Unspeakable Gift" will be the subject of the Rev. W. F. Alexander, pastor of the First Baptist Church, 158th St. and Brighton Ave. — one block west of Normandie — in Gardena.

The service starts at 11 a.m. and, running concurrently with the church service, is a junior church service under the leadership of Mrs. Lena Crader and Pianist Miss Alma Lowenberg.

Soloist for the morning service will be Mrs. Emma C. Alexander. The choir will present a special Christmas selection.

Sunday school for all ages will meet at 9:45 a.m. under the leadership of J. Milton McElyea, superintendent.

"The Wonder of the Incarnation" will be the Christmas lesson presented in the adult class taught by Edgar Rayner. The Ladies' Missionary Society held its annual Christmas program last Tuesday evening. "The Birth of Christ in Prophecy and the Gospel" was the title of the program presented by the program chairman, Mrs. Emma Alexander.

After the program those present adjourned to the Sunday school building where there was an exchange of gifts and refreshments were served. Mrs. Anna Lewis presided. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Alta McElyea, Mrs. Carrie Meyers, and others.

Pastor to Describe Jesus' Birthplace

For Christmas Sunday, the Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, will bring a first-hand description of the place of Jesus' birth. This past summer the pastor and his wife visited in the Holy Land and on Aug. 21 went to Bethlehem, the village of Jesus' birth, south of Jerusalem.

The sermon topic is part of the series: "On Seeing What Jesus Saw," which is a review of the life of Jesus.

The Chancel Choir of the church will sing, "Christmas Day," arranged by Gustaf Holst and "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" by Heckenlively. A special group from the Children's Choirs will assist in the anthem, "Sing Gloria" by Davis. Sue Baca, Richard Brundin, and Claire McCown are soloists.

BIRTH OF CHRIST TO BE TOPIC

The Christmas season will be observed by the Christian Scientists in the Christian Science churches on Sunday with a Lesson-Sermon which is illustrated by the birth and mission of Christ Jesus.

The Lesson-Sermon subject is the question, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

The account of the announcement to the virgin Mary by the angel Gabriel that she would bear the child Jesus, is set forth when the angelic messenger tells her that she shall "bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:31, 32).

Later in the sermon this thought is correlated with a statement by Mary Baker Eddy in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" where she says, "Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being, — to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death" (p. 315).

The Golden Text quotes the words of the prophet Amos (4:13), "He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name."

Dr. Brumfield Will Discuss Greatest Gift

"The Greatest Gift" will be the Christmas message at the morning worship service at 11 a.m. in the South Bay Baptist Church, 4565 Sharynne Lane, according to Dr. J. C. Brumfield, pastor.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Erling Fredrickson, will assist in the service by singing the traditional carols, "O Holy Night" and "The First Noel." Mrs. Floyd Roberts is church organist.

Junior Rites

A junior church service will be held at the same hour while a modern crib-nursery is available at all stated church services. The choir will present "Christmas in Song" in the evening worship hour at 7:30 o'clock.

Baptist Training Fellowship groups meet at 6:30 o'clock. These now number five. Primary includes children from age 4 through the third grade under the leadership of Mrs. Hyatt Moore and Mrs. Ed Suterfield. Junior grades 4, 5, and 6 are led by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shafer and Mrs. Al Cianfrini.

Directors Told

Junior high grades 7, 8 and 9 are directed by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Smith. Senior high and college are under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stevenson. Adult groups are under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Brumfield. These groups are coordinated by the youth director, G. W. Stevenson. Sunday school for all age groups convenes at 9:45 a.m. Bus transportation is provided in the area and may be obtained by calling the church office.

Bible study and prayer meeting will be on Thursday evening, Dec. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal will follow.

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EUB Church Program Set

The entire Sunday school at the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, 1543 Marcelina Ave., will take part in a pageant, "The Star and the Stable," this Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m.

The program will close with the usual Christmas treat for the young people. After the program the juniors and the young people will go carolling.

For the Sunday morning worship service the Rev. Walter M. Stanton will discuss "The World Prepares for Christmas" at 11 a.m.

'ROYAL PURPLE' IS UNITARIANS' TOPIC

Dr. Harry Schuder, minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church Society, 1610 Acacia Ave., will speak on "The Royal Purple Shows Itself" on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

"We believe we have discovered in the last few years some vital fact bearing on the New Testament," he said. "If true, the whole of the New Testament should be rewritten."

TELEVISION TUBE

A television camera tube is known as an iconoscope.

1500 Christmas Trees Sold, Y's Men Report

The Torrance Y's Men's Club, a Service Club sponsored by the Torrance YMCA, happily announced yesterday that over 1500 trees have been sold at its Christmas Tree lot, located at Arlington and Torrance Blvd.

All profits from the sale of the trees go toward the many YMCA youth projects here in Torrance.

Yule Rites Set at St. Philomena's

High Mass will be observed at St. Philomena's Catholic Church, 21848 Main St., at 6 a.m. on Christmas morning, with the Rev. Edward Callahan officiating.

The choir will sing the Christmas Mass, with Frank C. Fisher as organist and Mrs. Dorothy DiSabatino as guest soloist, presenting "Night of Nights."

Low Masses will follow on the hour throughout the morning. Christmas music will be sung at the other Masses.

At noon, the choir will sing Christmas music, with Mrs. DiSabatino again acting as soloist.

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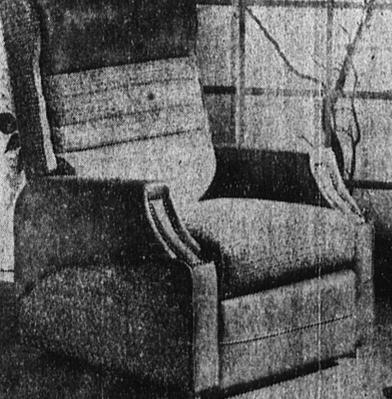
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